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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES TO ROMANIA

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1. DURING HIS JULY 19-21 VISIT TO ROMANIA, ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES HAD MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI, AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BURTICA. ROMANIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF THESE SESSIONS WERE ROUTINE AND PHRASEOLOGY UNEXCEPTIONAL.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE, PRINTED JULY 22, DOES CONTAIN SOME INTERESTING POINTS, HOWEVER. ACCORD WAS SIGNED ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WERE EXCHANGED, MORIBUND JOINT CULTURAL COMMISSION CREATED IN 1968 WAS ENJOINED TO MEET IN FIRST HALF OF 1979 TO "STUDY AND RECOMMEND A PROGRAM OF CONCRETE MEASURES AND ACTIONS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECIPROCAL INTEREST", AND MEETING OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION WAS ANNOUNCED TO BE HELD BEFORE AND OF CURRENT YEAR. COMMUNIQUE STRONGLY REAFFIRMS DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES TO INTENSIFY TRADE.

3. COMMUNIQUE LAYS UNUSUAL (FOR ROMANIA) SPECIFIC STRESS ON COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. ONE

PASSAGE STATES: "BOTH SIDES REAFFIRMED THE NECESSITY FOR A STRICT APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND IN PARTICULAR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, CONSIDERING THAT ANY KIND OF DISCRIMINATION IN THIS FIELD--AS IN ANY OTHER FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION--AFFECTS THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY." WE READ THIS AS AN ARGENTINE FORMULATION RELATED TO THE ATUCHA PROJECT, ALTHOUGH ROMANIANS HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE CONCEPT.

4. REMAINING LANGUAGE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IS STANDARD, AND VIS OF BOTH PARTIES WERE SAID TO "CONINCIDE" ITEMS COVERED WERE NEED TO STRENGTHEN UN, PEACEFUL SETTELEMENT OF DISPUTES, MIDDLE EAST, DISARMAMENT (WITH A PLUG FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN A "MULTILATERAL" CONTEXT), AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG ALL COUNTRIES WITHIN CONTEXT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. ANDREI ACCEPTED INVITATION TO BUENOS AIRES AT UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT YET HAD READOUT ON VISIT BY EITHER ARGENTINES OR ROMANIANS, AND WE WILL REPORT ANY INTERESTING ITEMS. HOWEVER, FACT MOTES VISIT SO CLOSELY FOLLOWS THAT OF JUNTA MEMBER MASSERA (REF B) HAS PIQUED SPECULATION HERE, PARTICULARLY SINCE RELATIVELY FEW SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM LATIN AMERICA JOIN THE CONSTANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STREAM OF THIRD WORLD VISITORS HERE. AS AMUSING SIDELIGHT, BOTH BRAZILIAN AND CHILEAN DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE SHOWN UNUSUAL INTEREST IN ARGENTINE-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE WE CAN RECALL EITHER EMBASSY BEING MOTIVATED BY.
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